

Romulus News

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Timely Tidbits ...

Students To Collect Toiletry Donations

Romulus High School students "doing something for the common good" are asking for your help on Saturday, December 2, when they will be out and about on neighborhood streets to collect toiletry items-to benefit our area's homeless community. Local residents who would like to contribute to the collection can leave their donations on their front doorsteps, or call the school (734-941-2170, ext. 809) to arrange for pickup.

Items sought include toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, tissues, combs, brushes, cotton swabs and balls, bandages, deodorant, and disposable razors. Other items are also welcome.

Oakwood Illuminates "Tree of Lights"

Oakwood Healthcare's "Tree of Lights" program offers a meaningful way to honor or memorialize loved ones for the holidays. For a small donation, volunteers will place an ornament bearing the honoree's name on a beautifully decorated Christmas tree at one of four hospitals. Funds raised are used for projects that benefit Oakwood patients. For more information, call 313-593-5865.

Chamber Seeks Fax Machine, Computer

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking the donation of a computer and a fax machine. Currently, the Chamber does not have a fax machine at all, so even an older machine would be welcome; however, as far as a computer is concerned, the group is hoping to obtain a newer model, since its old one – donated several years ago by a local businessman – is now too outdated to run any recent software, and also has a defective monitor.

For further information, contact Oscar H. Rhoton, Jr., Chamber Director, at Metro Realty Group, Inc. (734-946-7141). □

Local, Area Holiday Programs Offer an Enjoyable Break from Seasonal Stress

When December's hectic pace leaves you needing a pick-me-up, why not take time out to attend one of the following seasonal events? They're guaranteed to put the ho-ho-ho back in your holidays.

Library Hosts Annual Tree-trimming Party

The Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) invites children and adults of all ages to take part in its annual Holiday Tree-trimming Party, set for Saturday, December 2, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Those who attend will enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun (including the stringing of popcorn and cranberries for garland), and will have a chance to make two ornaments – one for the Library's tree, one to take home. There is no charge to participate, and no preregistration is required. For more information, call the Library (734-942-7589).

**Annual Tree-lighting, Santa's Arrival
Mark Season's Official Start**

Santa will make his first official appearance in Romulus on Friday, December 8. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Romulus Historic Park (located next to the Post Office on Hunt Street), where a performance by the Romulus Cloggers and a community sing-a-long will be followed by Santa's arrival and the lighting of the City's holiday tree. The nearby Historical Museum, featuring decorations of days gone by, will also be open at this time. Afterward, everyone is invited to Wick Elementary School to visit with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, and donuts. There is no charge to participate in this program.

Lunch with Santa

Children ages three to nine can enjoy lunch with Santa at the Romulus Recreation Center (located at 36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) on Saturday, December 9, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Preregistration is required. (Since space is limited, early registration is recommended.)

Holiday Craft Class

Youngsters of all ages (under 10 must be accompanied by an adult) are invited to take part in the Romulus Recreation Center's holiday craft class, set for Saturday, December 9, at about 1:30 p.m. (following Lunch with Santa, above). Ages seven and up can choose to make an angel (\$7) or a bear (\$5); a

third project (\$2) will be available for those six and under. (Sample crafts are on display at the Recreation Center.) Preregistration is required. (Since space is limited, early registration is recommended.)

Holiday Lights Tour

Local residents are invited to tour the City and judge homes for the annual Holiday Lights contest, set for Wednesday, December 13. The van will depart from the Recreation Center at 6 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person. Preregistration is required. (Since space is limited, early registration is recommended.)

Romulus Animal Shelter Offers Pet Pictures with Santa

On Saturday, December 16, area residents can bring their pet dog, cat, ferret, etc., to the Romulus Animal Shelter (located east of the Total station at Goddard and Wayne roads) to have pictures made with Santa. The program will run from 1 to 4 p.m. Photos are \$2 each. For more information, please call 734-942-7591.

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Although you'll have to venture a little farther afield, the following Metro-area events promise to be worthwhile.

A Christmas Carol

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (located one mile east of Lakeside Mall at Hall/M-59 and Garfield roads in Clinton Township) will present *A Christmas Carol* on Saturday, December 2, at 3 and 8 p.m.

The Nebraska Theatre Caravan has been touring Charles Jones' delightful adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* (which weaves traditional Christmas carols throughout the narrative) since 1979. It is probably the most widely produced production of Dickens in the nation, annually performed for more than 100,000 people in more than 50 cities across the country.

Tickets (\$24 for adults, \$22 for students/senior citizens) are available at the Macomb Ticket Office on Friday until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 810-286-2141 for more information.

Noel Night

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History (located at 315 East Warren Avenue, Detroit) invites you to bring the family and celebrate Noel Night on Saturday, December 2.



Local children who mail letters to Santa in the box in front of the Public Library will get a personal reply.

Inside the Museum, the celebration will offer exciting activities, music, and story-telling, as well as arts & crafts. Beginning at 5 p.m., there will be photos with Santa, holiday shopping at the Museum Store, and caroling. There will also be workshops where you can collect festive home decorating ideas, create your favorite seasonal dish with some of Detroit's hottest chefs, or make your own Christmas tree decorations.

For more information, please call
313-494-5800, ext. 0.

The Nutcracker

Visions of sugarplum fairies and Nutcracker princes have, for decades, been the inspiration of childhood fantasy and adulthood memories. Perhaps it's no surprise, then, that *The Nutcracker* has become the centerpiece of holiday tradition for families everywhere. This year, Metro-area families can maintain their *Nutcracker* traditions by attending one of 12 performances to be given at the Detroit Opera House.

Performance times are as follows:
Thursday, December 7 and 14, 8 p.m.;
Friday, December 8 and 15, 8 p.m.;
Saturday, December 9 and 16, 2 p.m.
and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 10
and 17, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Tickets – ranging in price from \$14 to \$60 – may be purchased at the Opera House (located at 1526 Broadway) or at any TicketMaster outlet, or by calling the Detroit Opera House Ticket Services Center at 313-237-SING (7464).

MBM Donates Dunk Tank To Romulus Police Department



MBM donated the new dunk tank just in time for it to be used at the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival.

When the Romulus Police Department determined that it had a need for a dunk tank, MBM Fabricators & Erectors came forward to offer its services. The local company agreed to design, construct, and donate a brand-new dunk tank and trailer.

"MBM wants to have more hands-on involvement within the community," stated Donald Makins, the company's president.

MBM has also participated in other community events, such as "Safe Seniors Day" and golf outings sponsored by the Romulus Police Officers' Association; donated welding materials to Romulus High School's vocational education program; and offered tours of its shop to local high-school students.

Thanks to the creative abilities of MBM employees Ted Luszczyński, Tony Smith, Timothy Hunter, Anthony Winfrey, and Rod Lester, the tank did in-

deed become a reality, and it was presented to the Romulus Police Department on September 13, 2000. MBM representatives attending the ceremony included President Donald Makins, Vice-president Terry Makins, and Vice-president Al Green. Representing the City of Romulus were Mayor William M. Oakley and Police Chief Charles Kirby, as well as other members of the Police Department.

Further assistance with this project came from other area businesses such as Rhino Liner (Ypsilanti), Innovative Computers (Romulus), and Michigan Trailer Supply (Romulus).

The tank will receive heavy use at fund-raisers for local charities and other community events.

For more information regarding community events and involvement, call the Community and Neighborhood Service Unit at 734-942-6871. □

Romulus Goodfellow Applications Now Available; Donations Sought

Applications Available

The Romulus Goodfellow organization – in keeping with its continuing pledge, "No child (or senior citizen) without a Christmas" – will accept applications for its annual holiday assistance program now through December 11. Applications may be picked up at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road), the Romulus Police Department (11165 Olive), or Romulus Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) during normal business hours.

All applicants must provide proof of income and a photo ID demonstrating Romulus residency, and should be prepared for a brief interview to help the Goodfellows determine their level of need.

Paper Drive Set for Dec. 8–9; Other Donations Accepted

The annual Romulus Goodfellow newspaper drive will be held on Friday, December 8, and Saturday, December 9, at intersections throughout the City.

Please give generously; you'll be helping a neighbor have a happy holiday season.

Also welcome are donations of new, unwrapped toys; items such as coats, hats, and mittens; nonperishable food; and/or cash or gift certificates. Donations may be dropped off at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road), the Romulus Police Department (11165 Olive), or Romulus Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) during normal business hours.

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Halecreek, Merriman Staffers Receive "Crystal Apple Award"

Editor's note: The following is the third of a series of installments identifying recipients of the Romulus Community Schools' "Crystal Apple Awards" for excellence in service to the district and the community. This installment focuses on employees of Halecreek and Merriman elementary schools. Watch for further installments in future issues of "the little paper."

Halecreek Elementary

Bill Baum—By continuing to give of his personal time and make use of his leadership abilities, physical-education teacher Bill Baum continues to have a significant impact on Halecreek's environment. He has spearheaded and/or involved himself in many community outreach programs, from "Jump Rope for Heart" to after-school tennis clinics. Baum also provides mentorship to non-tenured teachers and leadership in the district's physical-education curriculum work.

Roxanne Kucharski—Paraprofessional Roxanne Kucharski often extended her time and talents last year to help with various school projects. She did an excellent job typing the district's Language Arts curriculum guide and creating a database for Halecreek. Kucharski's influence and willingness to help others is highly valued at the school.

Cathy Kudra—Kindergarten teacher Cathy Kudra continues to exemplify professionalism in education. Her commitment in time and outreach to children and families never falters, year after year. She also mentors non-tenured teachers, supervises student teachers, and serves as a teacher representative to the PTG. Kudra contributes to the district's vision through her involvement on the Science and Pre-school committees, as well as the School Improvement Team.

Nan Meyer—Nan Meyer, the secretary at Halecreek, is an excellent manager of the school's office. She is always one of the first to arrive, and works on many levels throughout each day. Perhaps one of Meyer's most valued and important roles is her interaction with parents and students, with whom she sets a welcome tone of respect and patience that serves as a model for others to follow. Her professionalism and work ethic are truly exceptional.

Gretchen Notaro—First-grade teacher Gretchen Notaro has led both Halecreek and the district's K-2 teachers through the Four Blocks professional development program as a framework to teacher grade-level expectations. She presented at MRA last spring and continues to search out the best strategies for helping students achieve. Notaro contributes to the school's and the district's vision through committee work in Language Arts, School Improve-

ment, North Central Association accreditation, and mentoring. Her work on the district's Language Arts curriculum has been invaluable.

Sandy Rakozy—Night custodian Sandy Rakozy consistently works cooperatively with the teachers in the second and third clusters to ensure that these areas of Halecreek are clean and well maintained. She takes pride in doing her job exceptionally well, and that pride is apparent as you walk through the building. Rakozy is highly valued for her work ethic and teamwork.

Gloria Swanson—The eye for detail and pride in her work that is exhibited by Gloria Swanson, Halecreek's night custodian, is largely responsible for the school's consistently well-cared-for look. Always flexible in meeting the building's needs, she works cooperatively with staff, evening-activity supervisors, and recreation workers. Swanson's leadership, ideas, high standards, and follow-through are invaluable to the school.

Gail Thompkins—Gail Thompkins, Intervention Room specialist, exemplifies professionalism in her work with some of Halecreek's most troubled youngsters. Her calm ways, excellent judgment, and dedication have helped many students find success. Thompkins contributes to Halecreek and the district through her work as co-facilitator of the Student Advisory Council and her involvement on the School Improvement Team and the Climate Committee. She is an invaluable presence at Halecreek.

Cheryl VanAllen—Last year, Cheryl VanAllen took her many years of experience as a master first-grade teacher and applied them in her new position of learning specialist. She has made great contributions to both Halecreek and the district through her exhaustive work with the Language Arts curriculum, and has provided guidance to many non-tenured teachers. VanAllen is also a guiding force in Halecreek's School Improvement planning.

Merriman Elementary School

Yvette Austin—Sixth-grade teacher Yvette Austin is a member of the Social Studies Committee and the School Improvement Team. She has been involved with many service-learning projects, was a facilitator for the sixth-grade Leadership Camp, and worked on the Career Exploration Project. Austin also produced and directed the sixth-grade African-American history play for the past two years.

Heather Doane—Heather Doane, a third-grade teacher at Merriman, participated in the English Language Arts pilot project and implemented the Four Blocks reading program in her classroom. A team teacher in science and social studies, she has been a district Social Studies Committee member and



Lynne Mossoian (fifth from right), Principal of Halecreek Elementary, congratulates her school's "Crystal Apple Award" winners, including Bill Baum (back) and (from left) Cheryl VanAllen, Cathy Kudra, Gail Thompkins, Nan Meyer, Roxanne Kucharski, Gloria Swanson, and Sandy Rakozy.

is co-facilitator of the School Improvement Team. Doane also has taken a leadership role in Multicultural Month activities for the past three years.

Pat McCollum—Physical-education teacher Pat McCollum serves on the district's Physical Education Committee, the Schools of Choice Committee, and the Merriman Social Committee. She has coordinated the school's annual "Jump Rope for Heart" event as well as its multicultural folk dances and games for Multicultural Month programs. McCollum is also the Safety Patrol supervisor and the Family Picnic activity coordinator.

Lisa Nastal—Lisa Nastal, the school secretary, also serves as Merriman's yearbook advisor and publishes the school's monthly newsletter. It was she who organized Romulus City Hall employees to read stories to Merriman students during National Reading Month. Nastal also helped with the Dr. Seuss birthday party and the "pumpkin book set" raffle. She is a member of the Social Committee, the dispenser of tooth necklaces and birthday pencils, and a fund-raiser helper.

Connie Nowland—Custodian Connie Nowland has an admirable sense of ownership and commitment to Merriman School. She has a great humanitarian heart. Besides being the chief holiday decorator at Merriman, Nowland also coordinates "Pop Cans for Kids" and is a Boys & Girls Club supporter. She is truly a woman of all trades.

Sharon Silveri—Learning specialist Sharon Silveri, Merriman's resident MEAP expert, is co-facilitator of the School Improvement Team and a member of the district's Language Arts, Technology, and Positive Discipline committees. She serves as a mentor for non-tenured teachers and acts as coordinator for after-school and extended-day programs.

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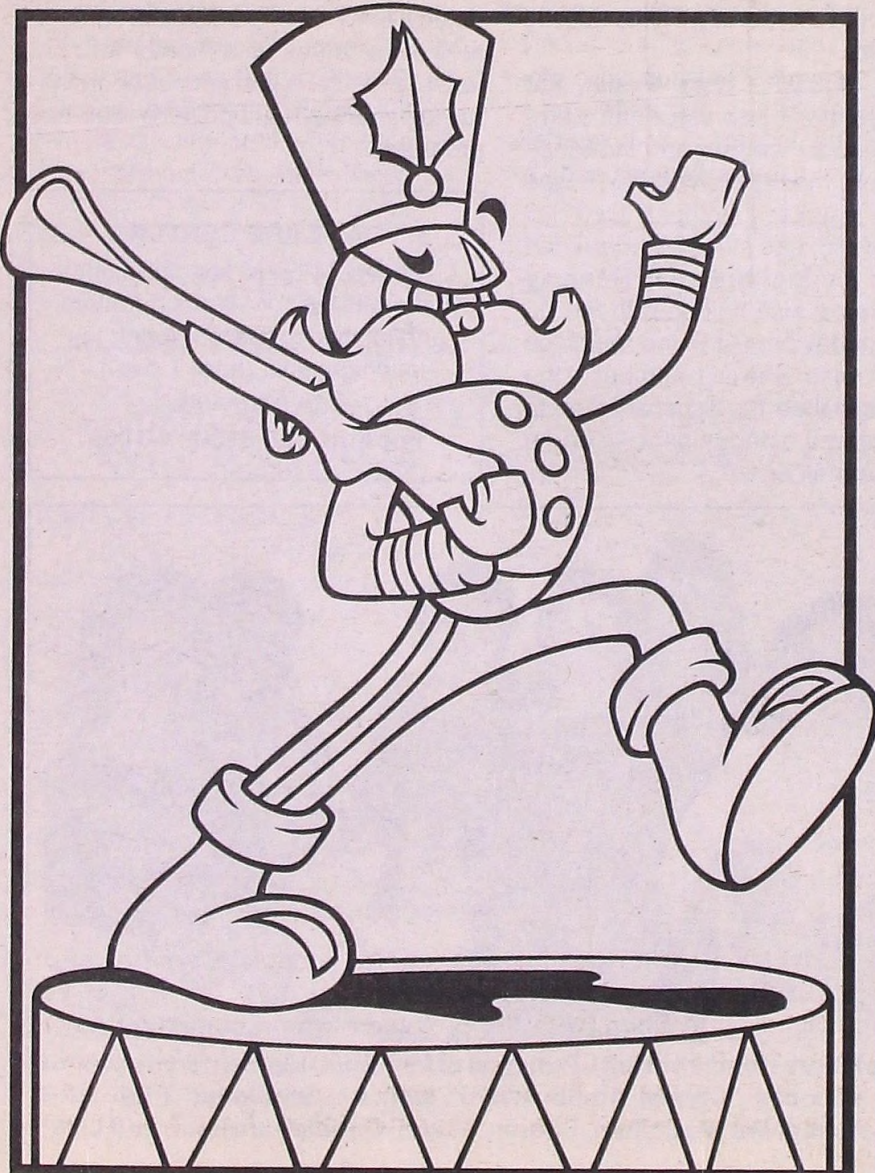
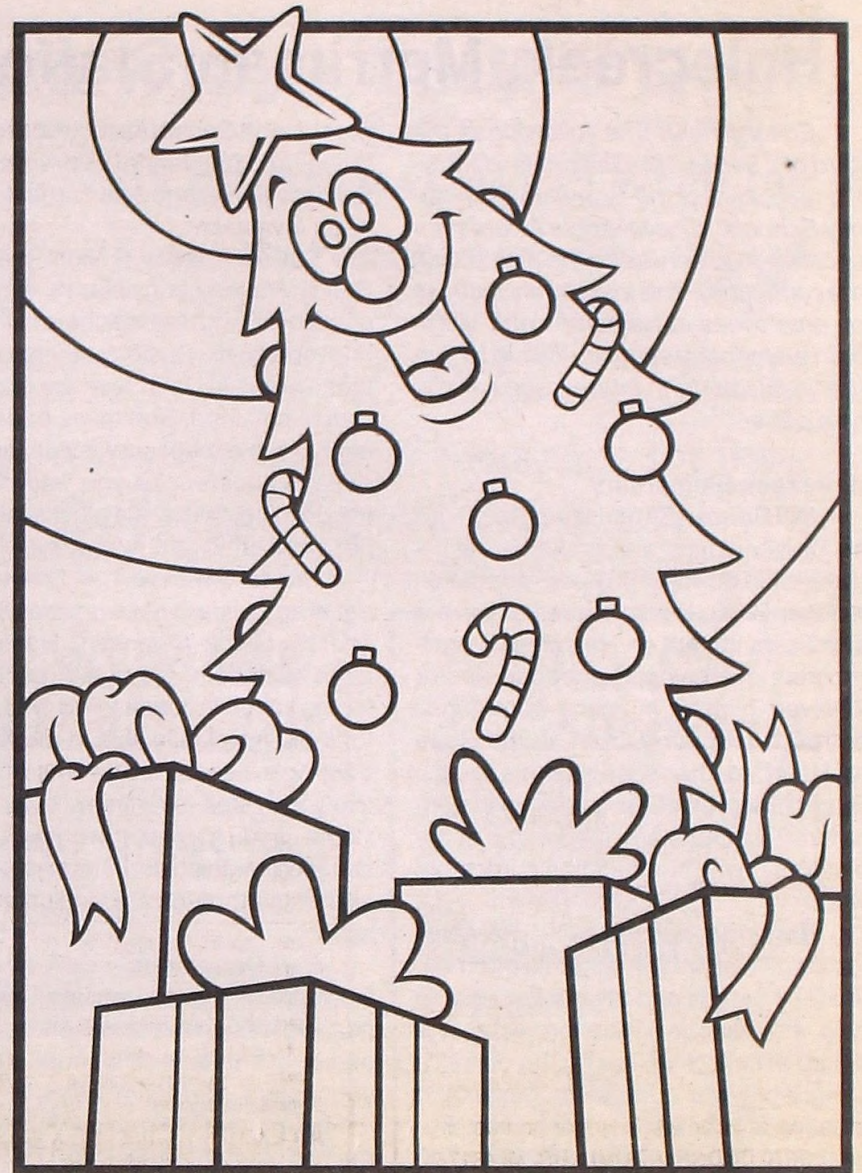
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Shellie Moore (third from left), Principal of Merriman Elementary, is proud of her school's "Crystal Apple Award" winners, including (from left) Yvette Austin, Pat McCollum, Sharon Silveri, Connie Nowland, and Lisa Nastal.



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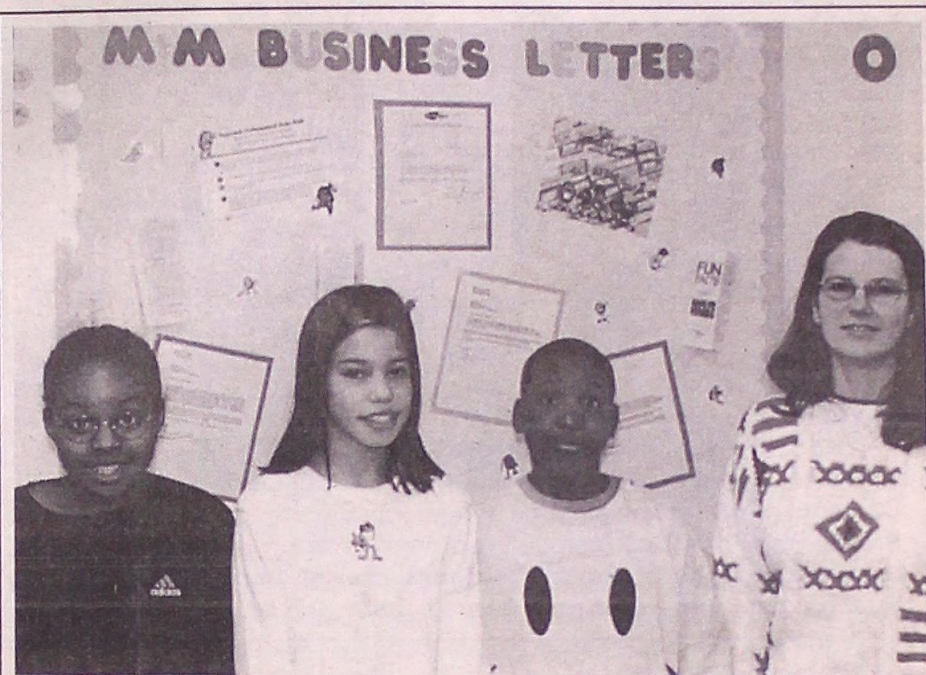
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Students Use Business Letter Skills To Write Candy Company



Barth teacher Gerilynn Kline's fifth-grade students – including (from left) Kourtney Hamilton, Rebecca Lewkowicz, and Raymont Holt – practiced their business-letter skills by writing a letter of complaint to Mars, Inc., regarding the inconsistent packaging of m&m's® chocolate candies.

Students in Barth Elementary teacher Gerilynn Kline's fifth-grade class recently practiced their business-letter skills by writing letters of complaint to Mars, Inc., regarding the company's inconsistent packaging of m&m's® chocolate candies. The students had noticed that some small bags of m&m's® had as many as 29 pieces while other bags the same size had as few as 14 pieces. The letters of complaint explained the students' findings and also

discussed why they believe that the company needs to make some changes.

Not long afterward, Kline's class received a reply from the candy maker. The letter thanked the students for their concern and promised that their complaints would be referred to "quality control" for appropriate action.

Kline says that her class will continue to write meaningful business letters so that the students will get plenty of practice in this very important skill. □

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Community-wide Baby Shower Marked "Make a Difference Day"



Kathy Hurst (right), the Romulus Community Schools' Coordinator of Service Learning, presents Florence Klein (front, left), Director of the Helping Hand Thrift Shop, with the proceeds from a community-wide baby shower held at the High School on Saturday, October 28 ("Make a Difference Day"), to benefit the area's needy newborns. Looking on are Helping Hand staff members (from left) Katie Bolus, Hilary Kozma, and Phyllis Bolus.

Honor Students Recognized



Students who earned plaques for six consecutive semesters on the Principal's Honor Roll included (from left): front row – Kristin Godard, Renee Byard, Aisha Hubbard, Rondra Lee, Andrea Deline, and Amy Hudson; back row – Mubeena Ahmad, Emily Schulz, and Tracie Finley.

Last month, Romulus High School Principal Dan Hurst and his assistant principals, Don Foley and Doug Hoffman, held a special awards breakfast for students who consistently make the Principal's Honor Roll by attaining a grade-point average of 3.5 or above. During the program, each student was given an award based on the number of consecutive semesters that he/she achieved this high standard.

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Seniors – Mubeena Ahmad (R), Richard Angel (R), Jason Brooks (M), Tara Brown (P), Renee Byard (P), Andrea Deline (P), Tracie Finley (P), William Gibson (R), Kristin Godard (P), Aisha Hubbard (P), Amy Hudson (P), Rondra Lee (P), Crystal Minner (M), John Ryznar (P), Emily Schulz (P), Jamahl Scott (R), Sultan Sharrief (R), and Carrie Spielman (R).

Juniors – Amber Barnes (M), Elizabeth Caburet (M), Courtney Daniels (M), Stephanie Durtka (R), Jerome Gray (M), Deana Hunter (M), Amber Keely (M), Jasmine Mark (M), Christopher Moore (R), Arekeyta Porter (M), Antoinette Price (M), John Schenavar (M), and Kristen Singer (M).

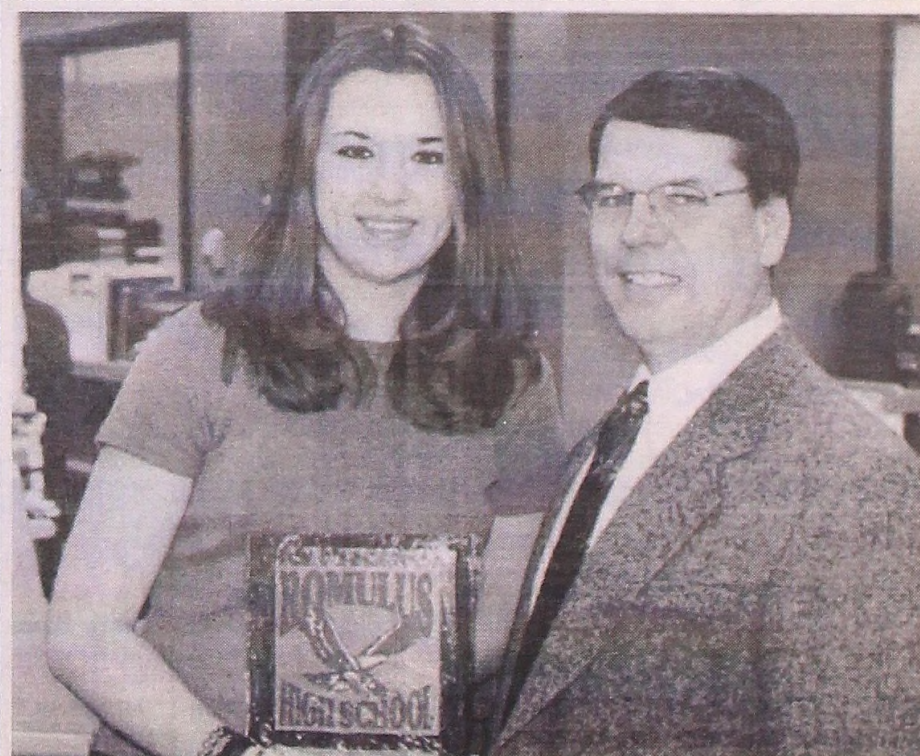
Sophomores (all "R") – Christopher Anderson, Katie Bolus, Amanda Brewington, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Meghan Conway, Sherrie Davis, Julia Deshazor, Sarah Gray, Kelly Hardway, Jamie Henne, Bradley Hindman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Magan Keely, Crystal Koch, Hilary Kozma, Heather Patrick, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Bethany Swauger, and Brandon Varga. □



(From left) Honoree Sherri Davis and her mother, Diedre Zockheem, enjoy a moment at the awards event with Lajuan Gray and her son, Jerome Gray.



Assistant Principal Don Foley congratulates Amber Barnes on her medallion award for four consecutive semesters of a 3.5+ GPA.



Tara Brown is all smiles after winning her plaque for six consecutive semesters on the Principal's Honor Roll.



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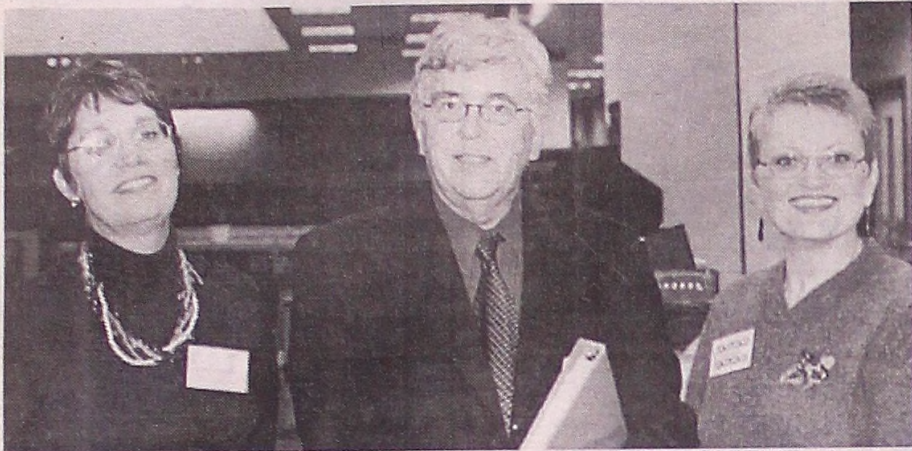
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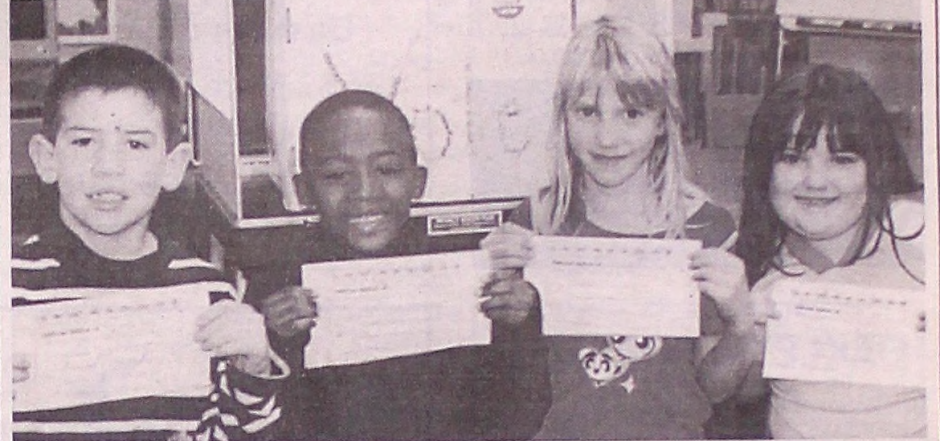
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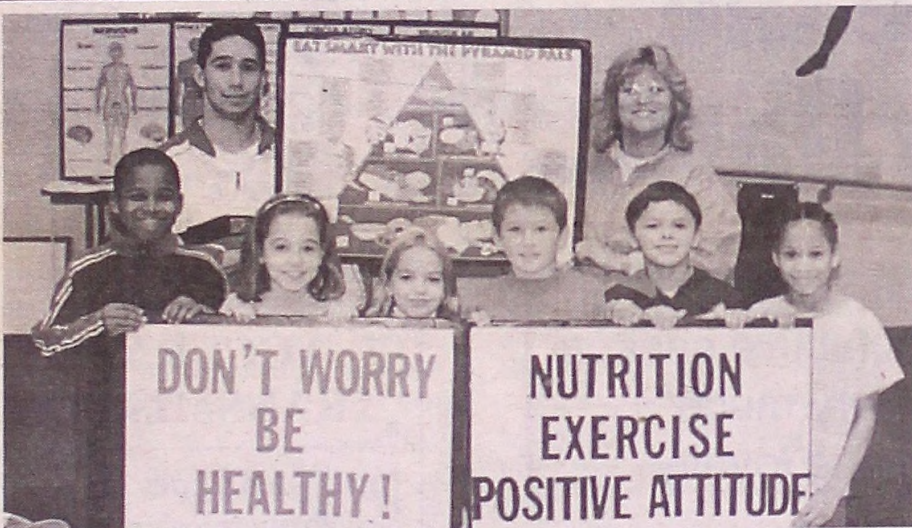
Around the District



Mike Bugenski, head of the North Central Association accreditation evaluation team that visited Romulus schools, met with Debbie Juriga (right), Wick Elementary Principal, and Gail Coleman, High School teacher.



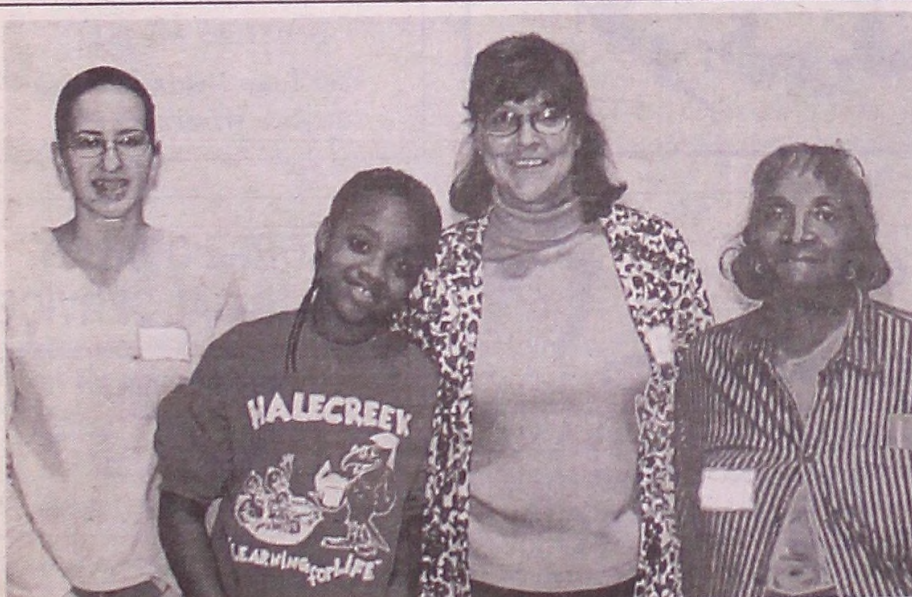
Cory Elementary students taking part in their school's mock election on November 7 included (from left) Justin Willis, Desmond Liddell, Desiree Matulonis, and Jordan Ditsch (all first-graders in Kathy Coryea's class).



Attendees at Merriman's "Healthy Living" assembly – presented by Dynamic School Assemblies' Jeff Kocab (back) – included Principal Shellie Moore and (from left) Henry Young, Emily Dubyak, Courtney Hollingsworth, Scott Snook, Michael Miller, and Ashley Strickland.



Election Day was a sweet experience for those voters from Romulus's 10th and 17th precincts who stopped at Cory Elementary's "bake sale" table after they visited the polls there. Bake sale volunteers included (from left) Bola Emanuel, Penny Wegrzyn, and Barbara Underwood.



With young and old alike taking part in Halecreek Elementary's recent Science Night program, the event had a truly "intergenerational" flavor. Among the participants (from left): Erica Ochs (volunteer student from Romulus High School), Erin Bragg (fifth-grader), Margie McNally (fifth-grade teacher), and Louise Shropshire (senior-citizen volunteer).



Tom Swenson (front) of Mobile Productions in Redford talked to students and showed off the capabilities of some of his company's robots at Barth Elementary School's recent Robotics Show. (From left) Grant Duprie, Erik Williams, Brittany Turner, Stacey Fabinski, and Sandra Harris were among the many students who enjoyed his presentation.

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Unusual Characters Abound in Old-time Christmas Legends



Photo courtesy of the Winterthur Museum.

In the United States, Santa Claus visits children to reward them with Christmas gifts. After all, he knows if they have been "naughty or nice." Good children find Christmas presents under the tree and treats in their stockings. Not-so-well-behaved children wake up on Christmas morning to find a lump of coal in their stockings.

Through the years and across the globe — from the Italian Befana to the Swedish Jultomten to the Babouschka of Russia — there have been many variations and counterparts to this famous figure. A nineteenth-century Pennsylvania German tradition was that of Belsnickel (pictured at left). Dressed in a costume of furs, skins and old clothes, he wore a wig and mask, and supposedly was a sidekick of St. Nicholas. Belsnickel visited on Christmas Eve and offered cookies and fruits to good children; the whip or rod to those who had been bad. □

Homemade Lemon, Leaf Prints Add Fresh Touch to Holidays

The bright orange and yellow colors of fresh citrus fruits lend a vibrant note to all kinds of bright ideas for holiday decorations and gifts. They can be used to make pomander balls, candied peels, and dried fruit slices to be used as ornaments or on wreaths, or simply include them in a basket of fruit for a friend.

You can make your own citrus wrapping paper and card designs. To help you create unusual yet beautiful citrus projects, try the following craft ideas, courtesy of Sunkist.

Lemon and Leaf Prints

(for holiday wrapping paper, note cards, and gift tags)

- Sunkist lemons
- stamp pads (ink, pigment, or children's washable ink) in assorted colors (red, green, yellow, orange, gold, etc.)
- brown wrapping paper, brown paper grocery bags, or gift bags
- white banner or craft paper and/or gift-wrapping tissue
- blank cards and envelopes
- blank gift tags (or make your own from heavy card stock)
- raffia or ribbon
- fresh leaves (fern, ivy, etc.), about 2 to 2½ inches long
- Parchment or tracing paper, cut into 3-inch squares

Cut lemons in half crosswise. Pat lemon halves on paper toweling to blot juice from surface and to dry lemon slightly. Protect work area from ink by covering with paper. Press cut lemon half onto stamp pad, then press onto selected paper, card or tag. Repeat with the same or a different ink color in patterned or overlapping designs. (Use one lemon half for each color used.)

Use the lemon-stamped papers to wrap gift boxes, and tie with coordinating raffia or ribbon, adding a bit of holiday greenery and small pine cones, if desired. Use the lemon-stamped tissue paper as a colorful filler in handled gift bags or boxes (like Chinese food take-home boxes). Adding a coordinating gift tag completes the presentation. Tie a set of lemon-stamped cards and envelopes with raffia or ribbon to give as "homemade" gifts.

To make leaf designs, place leaf (use somewhat flat leaves, like ferns) on stamp pad. Place piece of parchment on top of leaf and rub finger over parchment and leaf to "ink" the leaf. Remove parchment and carefully place leaf, inked-side down, on paper or card to be decorated. Cover leaf with a clean piece of parchment and gently rub finger over parchment and leaf to transfer the leaf design. Repeat the design or use a different leaf shape or ink color. □

Spread Holiday Cheer: Shower Loved Ones with Encouraging Words and Gifts

The holidays are here again. It's a time of happiness and cheer — but not for everyone. For some people, the holidays bring on a major case of the blues. Whether it's from the stress of the season (not enough money for gifts, for example, or feeling pressed for time), or from feeling lonely and missing faraway family and friends, not everyone gets swept up in the holiday spirit.

Do you have a friend or family member who is a little down in the dumps this season? It's time to cheer him or her up with some thoughtful and unique holiday gifts, accompanied by clever cards filled with a play on words. The following ideas, courtesy of Robyn Freedman Spizman, author of *When Words Matter Most* (Crown), will bring a smile to his or her face.

As Spizman says, "Encouragement comes in many forms. Whether someone is feeling blue or just needs a pat on the back, encouraging words will uplift."

Smart Cookies

Send someone a box or arrangement of cookies, with a note that says, "You're the smartest cookie I know."

Tea's the Season To Be Jolly

Put together a basket of gourmet flavored teas. This gift is certain to warm up that special person on your gift list.

Think the World of Someone

Give someone a map of the world tied up in a ribbon with a note that says, "I think the world of you." □

Sealed with a Kiss

Send someone a box filled with Hershey's Kisses, along with a card that reads, "All the kisses in the world aren't enough for you!"

All Wound Up?

Send a windup toy to someone who is stressed out. Add a note that says, "In case you get too wound up, wind this up instead."

Send a Flashlight or Candles

Tell someone that the world's a brighter place because he or she is in it.

Penny for Your Thoughts

Go to the bank and get a bunch of shiny new pennies. Give them out to "shining examples" of people you appreciate. Tell them that they shine in your book.

Warm Wishes

Send your warmest wishes with a basket filled with your favorite soup, gourmet coffee, or anything that will warm someone up.

Bean a Great Year?

Put a bag or box of jelly beans in your favorite friends' mailboxes with a note that says, "Happy New Year! It's 'bean' a great year, thanks to you."

Deliver a Dictionary

Give someone who is extraordinary a dictionary and underline with a highlighter all the words in it that describe that individual. From "astounding" to "fabulous" to "marvelous," don't miss a word. Add a note that says, "I've underlined words from A to Z / to show how much you mean to me." □

Classic Holiday Films

It's Christmas Day. The gifts have been opened, the food has been eaten, and you're so tired you can't move a muscle — yet it's only 3 p.m. What are you going to do for the rest of the day?

It's time for some extra family bonding — in front of the television set. Pop some popcorn, toss another log in the fireplace, snuggle up on the couch, and throw a tape into the VCR.

What will you watch? The following are some of the most popular holiday movies — both classic and modern: *It's a Wonderful Life*, *A Christmas Story*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *The Nutcracker*, *Scrooged*, *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, *The Bishop's Wife*, *White Christmas*, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, *Babes in Toyland*, *Home Alone*, and *The Santa Clause*. □

Multilingual Message

English-speaking people say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to friends and family to wish them good cheer. Why not bring a smile to someone's face by giving your holiday greetings in a foreign language (information courtesy of www.peders.com) such as: Arabic (I'd Miilad Said ous Sana Said), Cantonese (Seng Dan Fai Lok, Sang Nian Fai Lok), French (Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!), Hawaiian (Mele Kalikimaka & Hauoli Makahiki Hou), Hebrew (Mo'adim Lesimkha. Shana Tova), Italian (Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo), Japanese (Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto), Navajo (Merry Keshmish), Polish (Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia), Spanish (Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo), and Swedish (God Jul och Gott Nytt År). □



RHS Boys' Wrestling**VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY**

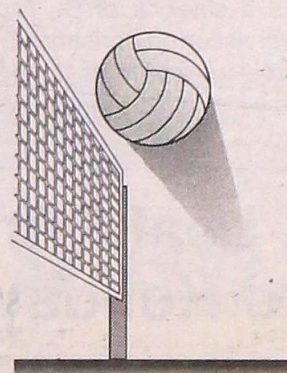
- Lanse Creuse Tournament (Sat., Dec. 2, 10 a.m.)
- Hartland Tournament (V) (Sat., Dec. 9, 10 a.m.)
- Belleville Tournament (JV) (Sat., Dec. 9, 10 a.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Thur., Dec. 14, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Thur., Jan. 4, 6 p.m.)
- Eaton Rapids Tournament (Sat., Jan. 6, 10 a.m.)
- Catholic Central Tri-meet (Tue., Jan. 9, 5 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Thur., Jan. 11, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus Royal Tournament (Sat., Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus (Thur., Jan. 18, 6 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Thur., Jan. 25, 6 p.m.)
- Avondale Tournament (Sat., Jan. 27, 10 a.m.)
- Romulus at Trenton (Thur., Feb. 1, 6 p.m.)
- Battle Creek Tournament (V) (Sat., Feb. 3, 9 a.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Thur., Feb. 8, 6 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Boys' Wrestling****SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE**

- Monroe at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 13, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Thur., Feb. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 20, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Trenton (Thur., Feb. 22, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 27, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Thur., Mar. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus (Tue., Mar. 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Thur., Mar. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Thur., Mar. 13, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Girls' Volleyball****SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE**

- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Mon., Feb. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 14, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Wed., Feb. 21, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Mon., Feb. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 28, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Mon., Mar. 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Wed., Mar. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Mon., Mar. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Wed., Mar. 14, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Boys' Basketball****SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE**

- Romulus at Belleville North (Tue., Dec. 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Thur., Dec. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Thur., Dec. 14, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Tue., Dec. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 9, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Thur., Jan. 11, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Girls' Volleyball****VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Taylor Tournament (JV) (Fri., Dec. 22, TBA)
- Taylor Tournament (V) (Sat., Dec. 23, TBA)
- Inkster at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 8, 6 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 10, 6 p.m.)
- Monroe News Tournament at Jefferson (Sat., Jan. 13, TBA)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Mon., Jan. 15, 6 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 17, 6 p.m.)
- Woodhaven Tournament (V) (Sat., Jan. 20, TBA)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Mon., Jan. 22, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus Tournament (V) (Sat., Jan. 27, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Mon., Jan. 29, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Wed., Jan. 31, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus Tournament (JV) (Sat., Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Mon., Feb. 5, 6 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 7, TBA)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Mon., Feb. 12, 6 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 14, 6 p.m.)
- Monroe News Tournament (V) (Sat., Feb. 17, TBA)
- Lincoln Park Tournament (JV) (Sat., Feb. 17, 8 a.m.)
- Oak Park at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 19, 6 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 21, 6 p.m.)
- News Herald Tournament at Lincoln Park (Sat., Feb. 24, 8 a.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Boys' Basketball****FRESHMEN**

- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 15, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge I (Fri., Jan. 5, 3:30 p.m.)
- Belleville II at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Fri., Jan. 12, 3:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville I (Fri., Jan. 19, 3:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 23, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Fri., Jan. 26, 3:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge I at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 30, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville II (Fri., Feb. 2, 3:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m.)
- Belleville I at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Feb. 16, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Tue., Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Boys' Basketball****VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Romulus at Ann Arbor Pioneer (Tue., Dec. 5, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Fri., Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Fri., Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln (Tue., Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Tue., Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Tue., Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Tue., Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Tue., Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Tue., Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Airport at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Girls' Volleyball****FRESHMEN**

- Allen Park at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 10, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., Jan. 15, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Wed., Jan. 17, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Mon., Jan. 22, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Wed., Jan. 24, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Mon., Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Wed., Jan. 31, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Mon., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m.)
- Kennedy at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 19, 3:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 21, 3:30 p.m.)

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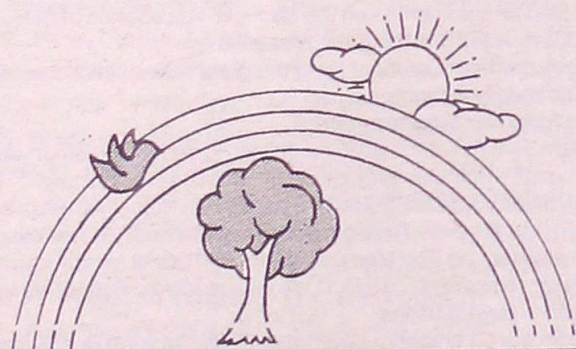
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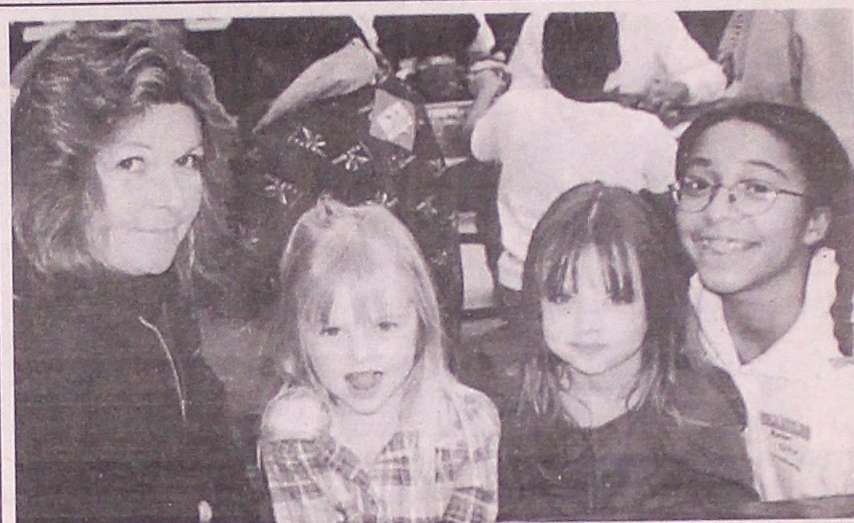
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"Family Math Night" at Wick School



Among those who attended Wick Elementary's Family Math Night, held November 16, were Debbie Woolford (left) and daughters Tiffany (age four) and Shelby (a second-grader). Amber Netter, a Romulus High School student, was on hand to help out.



Desiree Kassa (left) and Myles Boyd, students in Dorothy West's first-grade class, studied geometric shapes.



Third-graders William Yarbrough (left) and Braelin Calhoun also studied geometric shapes. Other mathematical concepts explored included measurement, logic, and probability.

Recreation Wraps Up Soccer Program



Shane Wells of Halecreek School and Willie Riggs of Merriman work for the ball during an after-school game sponsored by the City's Recreation Department. The arrival of frigid temperatures has since wrapped up the soccer program and moved everyone indoors for floor hockey.

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REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 13, 2000, was called to order by President Michael D. Woods at 6:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Schools, requested that the Agenda be amended to include: Item D.1. "Wayne County Resolution", under Report of the Superintendent.

11/00/1 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlenn to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

11/00/2 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlenn to approve the Minutes of October 23, 2000, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Kathleen M. Lewis, Third-grade Teacher, Wick Elementary School, Effective November 6, 2000.

11/00/3 Moved by Dick supported by Lambert to approve the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Kimberly Jensen, Science Teacher, Middle School, Effective November 1, 2000.

11/00/4 Moved by McCraight supported by Berlenn to approve the resignation of Kimberly Jensen as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

TERMINATIONS: Shannon Coaltrain, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective November 3, 2000, and Kathy Coate, Kindergarten Aide, Merriman Elementary School, Effective November 3, 2000.

Bills for Payment

11/00/5 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Declaration of Surplus Vehicles

11/00/6 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlenn to declare the following as surplus transportation vehicles: Eight (8) school buses, one (1) 48-passenger bus with lift, and two (2) GMC vans. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Naming of New Elementary School

11/00/7 Moved by Webb supported by Dick that the Board of Education concur with the recommendation of the "Naming of New School Committee" and name the new elementary school Romulus Elementary. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Wayne County Resolution

11/00/8 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education adopt the Wayne County Resolution accepting responsibility to monitor the area next to Black Creek. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Update

Mr. Todd Ketola of Barton Malow Construction Company and Mr. Alton Ainslie and Ms. Kirsten Wheeler of Kingscott Architects were present to update the Board of Education on the

construction projects. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

Contract Award

11/00/9 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick that the Board of Education accept the low bidder as presented for Bid Package #4. (Note: This is a complete award.)

<u>Bid Category</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
09250 Metal Stud, Drywall, and Acoustical	ANM Construction	\$415,499

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation – Healthy Living Committee

Mesdames Golka, Stasak, and Wilkerson and Reverend Arthurs were present to update the Board of Education on the status of the Healthy Living Committee. They also responded to questions as posed by members of the Board of Education.

11/00/10 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlenn to direct the administration to amalgamate Healthy Living into our district. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Sandy Tenny talked about National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulations relative to the High School students entering college.

Mr. Billy McCraight was excused from the meeting at 7:20 P.M. He re-entered the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick reiterated that we have to do the NCAA and that our wrestling mats are in bad shape.

Mr. Kenneth Berlenn commented on the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Conference in Traverse City and the great presentation.

Mrs. Eva Webb made a statement as to the great presentations we make to show how great Romulus Community Schools are.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Superintendent Joel R. Carr shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Romulus presenting at "Starting from Scratch"; (2) "thank you" to Jason Kahler; (3) "thank you" to Wick staff – Science Fun Night; (4) news brief, October 2000 – Middle Cities; (5) "thank you" – Transportation Department; (6) The Wingspan; (7) Romulus/Van Buren Newsletter; (8) The Merriman Star; (9) District letter – permission for Internet use; (10) RHS Parent Newsletter; and (11) Romulus Middle School Newsletter.

Executive Session – Negotiations

11/00/11 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlenn that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:08 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:45 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

11/00/12 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva W. Webb, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

RMS, RHS Students Earn Academic Honors

Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students whose dedication and hard work earned them a spot on their school's honor-roll list for the first marking period of the 2000-2001 school year.

Romulus Middle School

Seventh Grade – All A's

Megan Bearman, Lindsay Bregassy, Bradley Bills, Ronald Carter, Doloris Garry, Samina Haq, Ashley Moss, Jonathan Rafalski, Patricia Silvey, and Ashlee Wells.

Seventh Grade – Honor Roll

Carla Anderson, Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Amanda Bailey, Ronald Baker, James Bell, Lauren Belle, James Blanton, Alan Boiler, Jarran Booker, Lisa Boteler, Tiffany Bradley, Landria Buckley, Chanisa Burnett, Ayibatari Burutolu, Jennifer Caloia, Tamara Carney, Darryl Carroll, Joshua Carroll, Elvis Celske, Samantha Chapman, Mari Clay, Gregory Clevier, Carmen Coleman, Lindsay Coughlin, Justin Cox, Katrina Cutliff, Adam Davis, Adam Delay, Brian Demoisey, Katherine Drayton, Katrell Duncan, Jason Elwell, Sara Formosa, Krystin Foster, Ryan Foster, Jessica Fox, Bradley Garland, Dean Gilbert, Carl Gillespie, Amber Gondek, Jillian Gray, Lindsay Green, Anthony Groce, Brittani Haney, Lester Hardy, Nedra Harris, Bridgette Hawes, Jeannie Hayes, Amanda Hollis, Ashley Horyn, Tiffany Hoult, Alan Huguley, Jennifer Hunter, Sara Hurt, Amanda Ingle, Ashley Johnson, Tom-Meka Johnson, Danielle Keller, Matthew Koester, Shannon Kowalski, Jeffrey Kurzyniec, Jennifer Lambers, La'Myeishia Lewis, Erica Linton, Christopher Lucaj, Courtney MacDougall, Quinton Mark, Justin Maupin, Monet McCroan, Krystle McKay, Jonathan McLachlan, Amanda Moore, Jessica Moore, Joanna Morgan, Cory Mortzfield, Tiffany Motsch, Chrisma Nathaniel, Michelle Nelson, Amanda Nowicki, Rhea Partee, Ralonda Peammon, Wayne Perry, Kristine Plank, Whitney Poole, Anisa Rakic, Timothy Reed, Brian Rodger, Anne Ross, Brandon Ross, Leslie Roumayah, Thomas Rutherford, Arlenea Savage, Joshua Sawdy, Jessica Sears, Stacey Shreve, Chelsea Smith, Mary Stewart, Siera Stewart, Dennis Suiter, Damian Taylor, Jeffrey Taylor, Julie Terry, Brian Thiede, Diana Thompson, Ileana Usztics, Antonia Walker, Tanise Walker, Jeremiah Warren, Diamond Washington, Megan Whalen, Lerodd Williams, Patricia Williams, Amanda Willingham, Velon Willis, Jessica Workman, and Shannon Wright.

Eighth Grade – All A's

Kristen Atchley, Jazmine Bennett, Donald Brewer, Ronnie Brown, Teela Carroll, Donald Coon, Megan Scott, Lashonda Windham, and Ashley Wright.

Eighth Grade – Honor Roll

Ashley Allen, Latoya Allen, Britney Alley, Tiara Anderson, Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Daniel Brown, Monika Burgess, Antoine Burrell, Danielle Butler, Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, Anica Coate, Stacy Coffey, Chrystal Coleman, Ebony Coleman, Monica Cox, Jeremiah Cross, Carol Deaton, Mia Drane-Maury, Derrick Dugan, Amy Ehrenberg, Lauryn Farkas, Kandace Franklin, Anitra Glimps, Scott Golden, Teawanna Griggs, Crystal Hahn, Katie Hale, Kevin Hamilton, Paris Hawkins, Benjamin Hohman, Elyse Hooks, Jami Hughes, Brittany Johnson, Lucretia Johnson, Candace Lawrence, Vanessa Malloy, Lisa Miller, Carolyn Moore, Leah Moore, Shonta Morgan, Anjelique Moss, Antionette Nelson, Eric Noyd, Candace Parsons, Michelle Patterson, Shawn Perkins, Andrea Redding, Philip Roscoe, Hameed Seifuddin, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Ashley Sibby, Larita Smith, Tiffany Smith, Dwight Springer, Paulette Stanford, Dwayne Starnes, Matthew Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Crystal Stewart, Anastasia Strother, Jamie Suiter, Jeremy Thomason, Joann Tieppo, Jessica Trahey, Kelvin Valentine, Miah Wade, Cashara Wallace, Sarah Ward, Natalie Watt, Lashonda Whitehead, Kimberly Wilson, Ryan Witherow, and Keshia Wright.

Romulus High School

Ninth Grade – Principal's Honor Roll

Deborah Anderson, Myles Bell, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Ahmad Caldwell, Cassie Caldwell, Theresa Chadwick, Ronald Coleman, Amanda Cooper, James Davis, Jessica Deverich, Thomas Drayton, Jessica Frost, Toni Gibson, Sabrina Gomes, Joseph Goroni, Christian Hadden, Terry Harper, Novella Haugabook, Sarah Herbert, Bryan Hoehing-Neeley, Jeffrey Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Shaenna Kettlewell, Aaron King, Jerad Kiser, Angela Lewis, Sarah Lindroth, Angela Lukas, Michael Mancine, Muneera Marion, Bianca Martinez, Patrick McCollum, Matthew Mortzfield, Jajuan Mosby, Natasha Murray, Hanya Ombima, Rebecca Oros, Lajoya Orr, Tyrone Pickens, Kristina Rafalski, Tiffney Ramsay, David Rogala, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Ricky Staten, Patrecia Sucharski, Ryan Tackett, Rebecca Thornton, Victor Voris, Mark Wheeler, Princess Williams, Reese Williams, Kiera Wilson, Eric Wood, and Jeremiah Yeager.

Ninth Grade – Honor Roll

Aamer Ahmad, Kimberly Atkins, Eric Behnke, Andre Belle, Melissa Benson, Brian Bentley, Elizabeth Berry, William Boddie, Maria Bradley, Jessica Bright, Kristina Camilleri, Demarvelous Carter, Stephanie Clay, Jerry Collie, Keisha Cotton, Rhiannon Crawford, Richard

Davis, Jenessa Deshazor, Carissa Drobil, Tia Flemings, Tanya Formosa, Lauren Fox, Randall Frye, Christina Fulton, Georjon Garland, Storee Garner, Stacey Gilbert, Traci Goodell, Angelitia Gray, Mishielle Gray, Stephanie Gurner, Alicia Harbor, Candice Howell, Marcus Jackson, Constance Kersey, Kevin Kucharski, Brittni Lansbury, Timothy Lewis, Nicole Liendo, Patrick Miller, Amber Netter, Nereida Pena, Tylon Pitts, Kristi Rice, Lauren Romak, Ruby Sistrunk, Kerron Smith, Latina Smith, Shekiyah Taylor, Amy Thompson, Kristen Townsend, D'andre Walker, Isaiah Warren, Kyle Wasson, Marvin Wheeler, Cherie Whorton, Kendra Williams, Tenisha Williams, Paree Wills, and Marissa Wilson.

Tenth Grade – Principal's Honor Roll

Christopher Anderson, Clint Bergum, Ryan Boyd, Amanda Brewington, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Meghan Conway, Sherri Davis, Julia Deshazor, Sarah Gray, James Green, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Megan Hatcher, Jamie Henne, Bradley Hindman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Magan Keely, Crystal Koch, Hilary Kozma, Julian Lambert, Natasha Lowe, Rhonda Matthews, Jason Messenger, Erica Ochs, Heather Patrick, Jesse Patterson, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Keona Riley, Natasha Sibby, Bethany Swauger, and Tamata Toilolo.

Tenth Grade – Honor Roll

Shannon Allen, Felicia An'Noor, Kenneth Belcher, Amber Bithell, Katie Bolus, Laneisha Brown, Rodnelle Burns, Brittney Clark, Jenia Cooper, Jamie Cox, Carlos Crockett, Amanda Crosby, Amanda Davis, Tiffany Dotson, Glen Farmer, Brenda Finley, Bret Fowler, Melissa Holman, Curtis Jackson, Paris Jackson, Jason Konopka, Jennifer Lewallen, Akeem Martin, Andrew McNeil, Kelly Minner, Darrin Nevels, Adelina Piloci, Donald Richison, Celia Samuel, Darrien Sibby, Matthew Slater, Charles Smith, Latoya Starr, Rickie Truitt, Brandon Varga, Renee Walker, Joseph Watt, Angela Williams, Mark Woody, and Sherie Yharbough.

Eleventh Grade – Principal's Honor Roll

Shameah Abraham, Amanda Bassett, Shanelle Bishop, Chrystal Blair, Larry Brown, Ebitari Burutolu, Elizabeth Caburet, Cortney Daniels, Jerome Gray, Latoya Hamilton, Rahila Haq, Jennifer Harper, Thomas Hughes, Deana Hunter, Amber Keely, Kathrine Kortas, Tracy Lafehr, Brandon Malott, Jasmine Mark, Jessica May, Amelia McCray, Jazzmen Medley, Christopher Moore, Erica Necker, Dana Noble, Arekeyta Porter, Stephen Potoczek, Antoinette Price, Peter Proctor, John Schenavar, Kristen Singer, Melissa Smallwood, Nicholas Smith, Natisha Starnes, and Chianta Wyatt.

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Twelfth Grade – Principal's Honor Roll

Mubbeena Ahmad, Richard Angel, Ryan Block, Julian Bond, Michael Boomer, Vanity Boyd, Jodi Bright, Jason Brooks, Tara Brown, Renee Byard, Colleen Chambers, Andrea Deline, Tracie Finley, Talisa Garcia, Jason Gibson, William Gibson, Kristin Godard, Carla Harris, Linsey Hoppe, Aisha Hubbard, Amy Hudson, Maricia Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Rondra Lee, Makenzie Logan, Danielle McClue, Kimberly Mingo, Crystal Minner, Brandon Olson, Shawna Pattenade, Flenesha Peacher, John Proctor, Geoffrey Raphael, John Ryznar, Emily Schulz, Jamahl Scott, Sultan Sharief, Ashley Slone, Carrie Spielman, Christopher Talley, Keith Timbrooks, Sara Turner, Charles Usztics, Kimberly Usztics, Dino Vann, Princess Walker, and Rhoda Walton.

Twelfth Grade – Honor Roll

Craig Bailey, Stephanie Blackburn, Shenoa Blake, Thomas Bolus, Alan Brohl, David Brugh, Erika Carmichael, Jasmine Clinkscales, Christopher Deaton, Jennifer Dewitt, Jesse Divnich, Miesha Edwards, Aricka Foreman, Mychael Gaines, Mellisa Gondek, Chanté Graham, Molly Hackney, Erik Hall, Teisha Hall, Jacquelyn Hamilton, Jennell Harper, Steven Hayton, Christopher Higgins, Tracy Hojara, Jamie Hool, Warren Howard, Daniel Jarrett, Melaina Keller, Naomi Kennedy, Jessica Kortas, Kei'untaina Lane, Jeriesha Lee, Sammanthe Lindsey, Valentina Lucaj, Danylle Malloy, Stephanie Mohamed, Myron Mosby, Michael Mullins, Napoleon Nelson, Shawn Phenix, William Randall, Amaris Smith, Christie St. John, Steven Tasky, Jeremy Townsend, Jehiquita Tucker, Norman Underwood, Lajcel Wasson, Travis Whitehead, Nancy Whittemore, Michael Woods, Rashad Woods, Venecia Yharbrough, and James York.

Congratulations to all. □

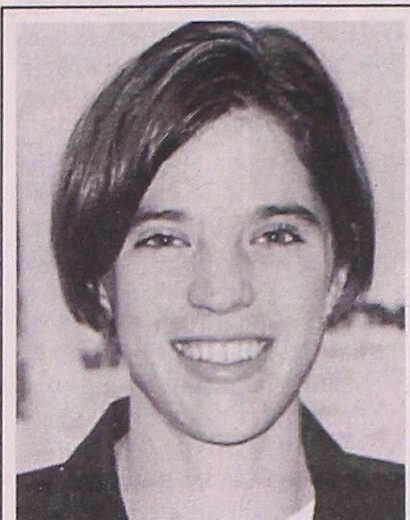
Teacher Finishes Fourth in Marathon

Serena Fraser, an English teacher at Romulus High School, finished fourth in the recent Detroit Marathon.

"It was a very exciting race," said Fraser. "I had the lead for a period at the halfway point."

Her time of two hours and 58 minutes was only four minutes behind the winner, and resulted in a \$1,000 prize.

Fraser noted that she was able to stay among the leaders throughout the race; however, at the 22-mile mark, she "hit the wall" and began to struggle. Then, with only two miles left, she summed up her strength and courage to again increase her pace, which resulted in her fourth-place finish. □



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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of December: Ruth Bierl, Nelson Clark, Leona Dudley, Edith Godwin, Julia Horton, Wanda Kazulewski, James Lang, Lois Liske, Roy Livingston, Elizabeth Mack, Louis Naguy, Grace Nehra, Joseph Polovino, Genora Shelby, Alice Simmons, Dorothy Verhousek, and Bernice Zeborowski.

Volunteer Positions Open

The Romulus Senior Center is always looking for friendly volunteers who would like to become more involved in the Center by helping to plan and execute its various programs.

To find out more about how you can give the priceless gift of caring, please contact Linda Norman, the Center's Program Coordinator.

Bunko

The Romulus Senior Center is now hosting bunko games each Tuesday at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Ceramics

Instructor Doll Wands reminds everyone that her ceramics classes meet at the Center each Monday at 1 and 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Blood-pressure Check

Local seniors can come in to the Center to have their blood pressure checked on Wednesday, December 6, from 12 to 1 p.m. There is no charge for this service.

Haircuts

The next date for the Romulus Senior Center's haircut service is Monday, December 18, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 28, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces are always welcome.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.75, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call at least 24 hours in advance.

Outside Chore Service

Area young people doing community-service work are available to perform outside chores for senior citizens each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To make arrangements to receive this service, call the Center.

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. To make your reservation (no later than 2 p.m. on the day before the trip), please call 734-942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

Oakwood Offers Companion Service

Oakwood Care Connection, the private-duty nursing division of Oakwood Home Care Services, now offers a Companion Call program. Oakwood will provide a trained companion for adults in Detroit or Western Wayne County who cannot be left alone. The fee for this service is \$22 for two hours.

The Companion Call workers' main function is to provide company for the client through informal social activities such as conversation, reading aloud, or playing cards or board games. They do not provide hands-on care such as dressing or bathing, but they can prepare light meals or snacks. They can also assist in administering medication if the dose is prepared ahead of time by a family member.

A Companion Call visit can provide welcome respite for anyone serving as the primary care-giver for a dependent adult.

All Companion Care staff members are screened and trained by Oakwood Care Connection.

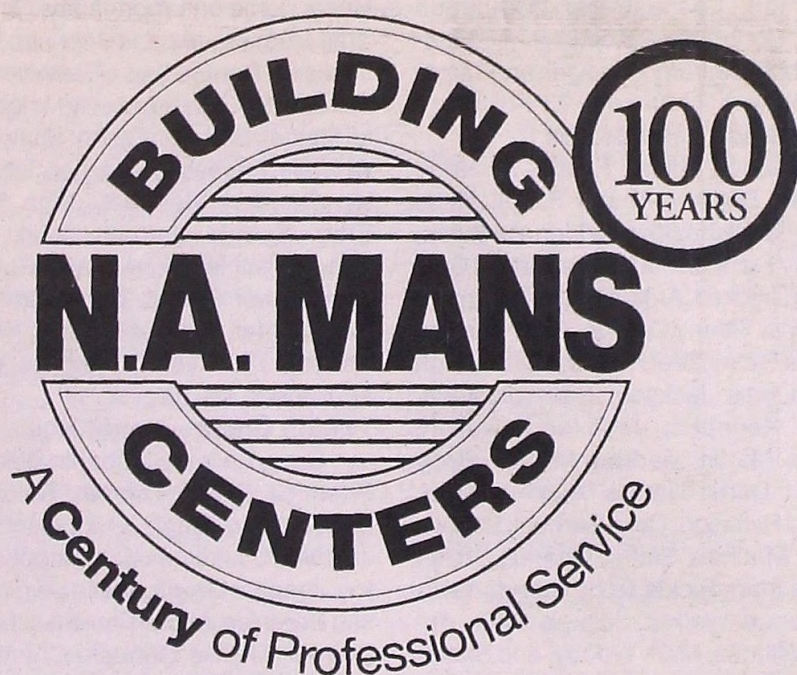
For more information on the Companion Call program, call 313-996-3113 or (toll-free) 800-757-7711.

Note: Individuals, especially senior adults, are now being sought to work as Companion Call staff. Call one of the above numbers if you would like to become involved.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center and ask to speak to Barb or Noel. They'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Obituaries

William J. "Dusty" Carroll

William J. "Dusty" Carroll of Romulus, Michigan, died Thursday, November 23, 2000. He was 68 years old.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on January 11, 1932, William married Helen E. Shroyer in his native city on August 25, 1956.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Jimmie Carroll (Westland, MI); one daughter, Kathleen (Dale) Paison (Westland, MI); two brothers, Daniel (Detroit, MI) and Ron Carroll (Ft.

Meyers, FL); two sisters, Pat Foehl (Warren, MI) and Paulette Carroll (AZ); seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing him was his son, Douglas W. Carroll.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, November 28, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Danny Alex Hackney

Danny Alex Hackney of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, died Friday, November 17, 2000. He was 47 years old.

A native of Phelps, Kentucky, Danny was born November 25, 1952.

Surviving him are two brothers, Jerry (Mary) Hackney (Taylor, MI) and Fred (Jeanette) Hackney (Col-

lege Corner, OH), and three sisters, Patricia (Will) Smith (Dearborn Hgts., MI), Linda (George) Troia (Romulus, MI), and Norma (Jim) Kummer (Dearborn, MI).

A funeral service was held Sunday, November 19, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Chaplain Fred Cisio officiating.

Mary Janiszyn

Mary Janiszyn passed away at Bixby Hospital (Adrian, MI) on October 29, 2000, at the age of 83.

A resident of Romulus, Michigan, since the 1930s, Mary was a loving mother and grandmother who raised six children and helped raise many grandchildren.

She is survived by six children – Betty Chapman (Jerome, MI), William (and Eunice) Janiszyn (Wabash, IN), Jenney (and John) Stros (Jerome,

MI), JoAnne Janiszyn (Kewadin, MI), Patricia (and Jim) Petery (Onsted, MI), and Kathleen Smith (New Boston, MI) – along with 21 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She will be dearly missed by her entire family as well as her loving companion, her dog Babe.

A funeral service was held Saturday, November 18, at St. Rita Catholic Church (Clark Lake, MI).

Leroy Polenz

Leroy Polenz of Romulus, Michigan, died Thursday, November 16, 2000, at the age of 74.

Leroy – a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9568 (Romulus, MI) – was born in Detroit, Michigan, on December 21, 1925.

Surviving him are two sisters, Mrs. Edmund (Myra) Kreyger (Romulus, MI) and Mrs. Malcolm (Emily) McNutt (Romulus, MI); one brother, Benjamin Polenz (Taylor, MI); and many nieces and nephews.

Among those predeceasing him were siblings Louis, Karl, Fred, George, and Grace.

A funeral service was held Monday, November 20, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Community United Methodist Church building fund. □

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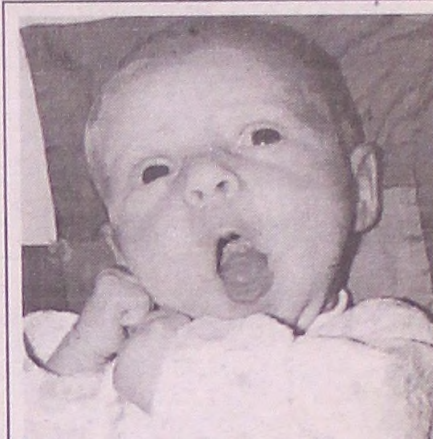
Skyler Raine Wade

Lonnie and Brenda Wade of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Skyler Raine Wade.

Skyler was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 1:18 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2000, weighing in at 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and measuring 19 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were older siblings Brenna Storm and Sydney Brice.

Skyler's paternal grandmother is Kathy Wade (Romulus, MI); Anayansi Roberts (Belleville, MI) is his maternal grandmother. □



Skyler Raine Wade

In Memoriam

Marion M. (Koester) James



Marion M. (Koester) James

Marion M. (Koester) James passed away at home on Wednesday, October 25, 2000. She was 83 years old.

Born in Romulus on March 17, 1917, she was a lifelong resident of Romulus. She was also a longtime employee of the City of Romulus and the City of Wayne.

Marion was preceded in death by her mother, Eva Jane (Forsythe) Koester; her father, William Koester; four brothers, Walter, Fred, Herbert, and Wilbur Koester; and two sisters, Evalyn Lau and Violet Bird.

She is survived by her children, Sherra James-Lowry and Dennis M. James, both of Romulus, who will deeply and eternally miss her.

She will also be very sadly missed by her dear friends, Marilyn Hoffer of Romulus, and Bud and Bonnie Doe and family of Tucson, Arizona.

A funeral service was held Saturday, October 28, 2000, at Crane Funeral Home, with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church) officiating. Interment was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. □

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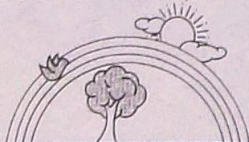
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